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US Dept. of Energy  
 Oak Ridge Operations Office  
 Attention: Gary Hartman  
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Mr. Hartman:

I understand that the Department of Energy has unveiled plans for a new "National Security Complex" in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The Environmental Impact Statement for the Y-12 bomb plant outlines the first step in what DOE intends to build--a brand new \$4 billion dollar bomb plant.

These plans bespeak a vision of the future deeply rooted in the Cold War of the last century. Nuclear bombs hold no promise of security, only a threat of death and destruction over all of our heads. The decision to build bombs is no longer compelled by any real security concerns--it has become a political and economic decision. Four billion dollars would be far better spent on programs that would truly guarantee a secure future for the inhabitants of Earth.

Currently, by far our biggest security threat is environmental destruction. This has many components: global warming, deforestation, chemical pollution, thinning ozone, and habitat loss. But they are all driven by human overpopulation. Our planet can sustainably support only about a third of its current population of six billion. International family planning programs have a long and proven track record of reducing birth rates around the world. If only some portion of that four billion dollars could be spent on such programs! After that, we could use some to feed the hungry, house the homeless or educate children.

But please, no more bombs!

Sincerely,

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Comment noted. The proposed action and alternatives analyzed in the Y-12 SWEIS address the continued operation of the assigned nuclear weapons stockpile management requirement of Y-12. There is no proposal to expand capabilities or to increase nuclear weapons production at Y-12. DOE is responsible for meeting the current requirements set forth by the President and Congress in the Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Memorandum, which is updated annually. The need for nuclear weapons and alternative uses of the Nation's funds are beyond the scope of the Y-12 SWEIS.